

The BOCES Regional Information Centers (RICs) in New York State have identified the following mission statement and shared goals. These goals will be collaboratively achieved by all RICs.

“We are a collaborative of BOCES Regional Information Centers providing leadership and efficient, effective technology solutions for the purpose of supporting management, learning and student achievement.”

2016-2017 Regional Information Centers’ Shared Goals and Action Items

State Technology Leadership

- Work in conjunction with members of the State Education Department in order to enhance state, regional and local technology plans and related processes.
 - **All WNYRIC district technology surveys were certified by the September 1 deadline. Approvals from SED have begun going out to superintendents.**
- Provide assistance to the Smart Schools Review Board and New York State school districts, as the state implements the Smart Schools Bond Act.
 - **Smart Schools requirements continue to change and emails are sent out over the list serv with the most up to date information. Reimbursement for Smart Schools continues to be worked on and should open to the field in the next few weeks.**
 - **Smart Schools updated information continues to be posted regularly. Communication to the listserv/webinar is on a regular basis and as recent at December 1, 2016.**
- Continue to partner with NYSED in order to provide districts with support related to computer-based testing initiatives (DLM and Questar).
 - **Test Scoring team is in regular communication with NYSED and provides communications to and support for the procedures districts must follow to transition to CBT.**
 - **WNYRIC will offer to host one of the regional trainings offered from Questar this winter.**
 - **Training is scheduled for January 11, 2017.**
 - **Both support and technical team participate in the weekly CBT calls and will continue to provide information to the field,**

- **WNYRIC teams continue to participate in the weekly CBT calls and share information with the field through the listserv.**
- Provide data, as requested, to NYSED and other partners, in order to inform state and national broadband initiatives and programs.
 - **Data is currently being collected from the RICs across the state, WNYRIC compiles the data for this purpose.**
- As 93% of NYS school buildings meet broadband capacity standards, explore opportunities to expand regional networks in order to support other agencies', such as public libraries.
- Explore new partnerships with NYSCATE, ISTE, CoSN and other technology leadership organizations.
- Continue to work collaboratively on bids, RFPs and contracts that address statewide needs and leverage economies of scale.
 - **WNYRIC is preparing the bid for Internet Service Provider, several RICs participate.**

State Data Leadership

- Monitor, enhance and expand the RICs' Common Data Views Initiative.
- Work in conjunction with Questar Assessment, Inc., NYSED and the large city school district scanning centers to make necessary modifications to existing NYS assessment processes and support services (including, but not limited to, answer sheet development, data warehouse, scanning and scoring and instructional reports).
 - **Test Scanning team attended the statewide meeting in preparation for the 2016-2017 assessment process.**
- Develop strategic plans to improve data analysis reports and dashboards.
- Develop strategic plans to increase the number of stakeholders with electronic access to RIC developed instructional reports.
 - **WNYRIC districts will be provided with building level access to Data Warehouse reports, functionality is developed and is being tested.**
- Work in conjunction with NYSED to provide educators with early access to 2016-2017 incoming student reports.
 - **Released 3-8 Common Data Views ELA on May 20th and Math on June 3rd.**
- Continue to assist NYSED in communicating important information related to NYS data, assessment, and accountability initiatives.

- **District Data Coordinator meetings and trainings dates are published and have begun for the year.**
- Monitor, expand and refine the data integration, federation, and security initiatives.
 - **WNYRIC team is participating in various training and webinar opportunities with statewide RIC team.**
- Work in conjunction with the NYS Chief Privacy Officer to provide leadership related to Education Law 2-D.